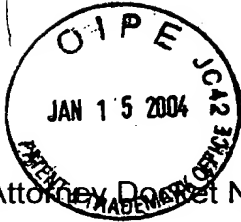


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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Action dated October 17, 2003, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.